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1. PAO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED OLLENDORF LETTER, BUT IN VIEW SHORTNESS OF TIME BEFORE PROPOSED DRAKE VISIT WE ARE OFFERING BELOW OUR TENTATIVE THOUGHTS ON A CIP PROGRAM FOR NEPAL.

2. WHILE EXPRESSING INTEREST, CAMPBELL'S JULY 13 LETTER TO DRAKE ALSO OUTLINES WHAT WE SEE AS BEING TWO MAJOR OBSTACLES TO SETTING UP A CIP PROGRAM IN NEPAL. THESE ARE: (1) SELECTION OF NEPALESE APTICIPANTS. CIP PROCEDURE AND HMG RWQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE AOMPATIBLE. OUR PAST EXPERIENCE WITH FULBRIGHT SELECTIONS CONVINCES US HMG DOES NOT HAVE MUCH FLEXIBILITY AND CIP WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR A RELATIVELY PASSIVE ROLE IN MAKING SELECTIONS. THIS WOULD BE FURTHER CLARIFIED AND DISCUSSED IF MISS DRAKE VISITS KATHMANDU. (2) FUNDING: POST IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHETHER PROPOSED NEPAL CIP PROGRAM WOULD BE FUNDED ENTIRELY FROM CIP PRIVATE SOURCES OR WHETHER MONEY FROM POST ALLOCATION WOULD BE REQUIRED. WITH RECENT RAPID SHRINKAGE OF OUR CU PROGRAM, WE WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF TAKING ON ANYTHING NEW THAT WOULD FURTHER ERODE OUR EXISITING PROGRAMS. WE DO NOT SEE A CIP PROGRAM AS HAVING THE SAME LEVEL OF PRIORITY THAT EITHER OUR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE OF IVP PROGRAMS HAVE. IF FUNDING FROM POST ALLOCATION IS REQUIRED, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH DEPARTMENT

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PRIOR TO AN EXPLORATORY VISIT BY MISS DRAKE. IF FUNDING

IS ENTIRELY CIP'S AND MISS DRAKE FEELS THERE IS ROOM FOR
NEGOTIATION ON SELCTION PROCEDURES, POST SOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO PROPOSED VISIT AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO OFFER
WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN PROVIDE.
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